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A.C.H. Dined at the Parker House.

Left for Brooklyn at 5 P.M.

June 1st Arrived at N. York.

A.C.H. took breakfast.
THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF HOLLIS TRUE

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INTRODUCTION

At the Cumberland Historical Society, I found two diaries, one labeled “Diary 1861-1863, Captain Hollis True,” and the other one labeled “Captain Hollis True, Diary 1864.” While transcribing the first one, I discovered an overlap of entries, namely, May 31, 1861 through January 27, 1863, followed by July 24, 1862 through September 1864. Consisting of two different narratives, the overlap occurred between July 24, 1862 and January 27, 1863.

Could two people have written in the same diary? Conceivably, the first writer became ill and died. His last entries, January 26 and January 27, 1863, indicate “unwell,” “unwell.” On the next page is written “Mr. Hollis True, Co. E 17 Maine.” The following page is highlighted “Journal 1862” and the writer asserts “I did enlist in Portland Maine, July 24th 1862.” From that point, the entries by the second writer continue for the remainder of 1862 and carry through to September 1864.

After examining the entries from 1861 through January 27, 1863, and placing the entries in the context of the Massachusetts Regiments, William Hallett, who has written and researched civil war soldiers from Newburyport, Massachusetts, suggested the first diary writer might be Whitman Holmes. The second diary writer is Hollis True, who eventually settled in Cumberland, Maine.

Sally A. Merrill
Cumberland, Maine
September 2016
May 31
Left N. Port for Boston. At 8 A. M. dined at the Parker House. Left for Brooklyn at 5 P.M.

June 1861
Jun. 1

Jun. 2
Went to church at Rev. H. W. Reickers

Jun. 3
Left Brooklyn for Boston P.M.

Jun. 4

Jun. 7
Left Ft. Warren for home. P. M.

Jun. 8
Arrived at N. Port 2 A. M. Stopped with F. Ballon until daylight. Arrived home 10 A.M.

Jun. 10
Left home for Boston at 8 A. M. Stopped at New England House with John Clough.

Jun. 11
Left Boston for N. York at 6 A.M. Breakfast at Astor House. Went to N. Yonkers at 11 A.M.

Jun. 13
Examination by surgeon.

Jun. 14
Sworn into U. S. Service by Lieut. Cogswell.

Jun. 16
Divine Service

Jun. 20
Went into camp.
July 1861

Jul. 4
Broke camp for Washington via Elizabethport and Harrisburg.

Jul. 6
Arrive in Washington hdqtrs in barracks on corner of 4 ½ St. and Penn. Avenue.

Jul. 7
Left the city for camp on Meridan Hill at 5 P. M.

Jul. 20
Broke camp and leave for Alexandria. Encamp one mile out of the city at Shooters Hill.

Jul. 21

Jul. 22
On guard in Alexandria.

Jul. 23
Reg’t reviewed by President Lincoln and Gen. McDowell.

Jul. 25
Got box from home.

Jul. 26
Received first payment of $6.25. Man shot in an attempt to run guard.

Jul. 31
On guard in Alexandria for 1 week.

August 1861

Aug. 2
Execution at Ft. Ellsworth in 2 C. H. [?] Reg. and return to camp.

Aug. 8
Receive U. S. uniform. Go in swimming in canal.

Aug. 15
Moved camp a mile further from Alexandria on Leesburg road.

Aug. 17
Raining. Taken sick.

Aug. 19
Sent to Georgetown Hospital.

Aug. 21
Reg’t had trial. Drill 1st prize Co. G $5. 2nd Co. D $3.

Aug. 22
Review of Brigade by Gen. McClellan and staff.

Aug. 28
Return from Georgetown Hospital. Find a friend who gives me a half dollar.

Aug. 31
Inspection for Colonel.

September 1861

Sept. 1
Received word of Butler’s victory at Hatteras inlet.

Sept. 11
Go on picket shoot. Got a pig.

Sept. 12
Regt. on parade at Alexandria. Pay master arrives.

Sept. 15
Inspection.

Sept. 19
Receive a box from home.

Sept. 21
Battalion Drill. 11 new recruits arrive and join our Co.

Sept. 22
Cloudy. Inspection.

Sept. 25
Grand review of troops, 25,000, by Gen. McClellan and President Lincoln and others near Fort Mead on pickets there at night.

Sept. 29
Regt sleep under arms.

Sept. 30
Move one camp about 3 miles on Old Fairfax Road.

November 1861

Nov. 8
Regt paid off. Raining.

Nov. 16
Brigade review.

Nov. 17
General Inspection.
Nov. 18

   Brigade Drill.

Nov. 20

   Grand Review of Army of Potomac at Bailey’s Cross Roads, 75,000. President Lincoln and Sec’y Seward & Chase present, 75,000 troops.

Nov. 21

   Thanksgiving day In Mass no duty.

Nov. 23

   Received box from home.

Nov. 24

   General Inspection.

Nov. 28


December 1861

Dec. 1

   General Inspection.

Dec. 3

   Inspection of Guns and knapsacks by U. S. Officers.

Dec. 4

   Co. drill A. M. Sham fight P.M. Corporal Chauser hurt.

Dec. 5

   Co. drill & Dress parade

Dec. 6

   Co. drill A. M. Battallion Drill and firing blank cartridges P. M.

Dec. 7

   Co. drill & Inspection of blankets.

Dec. 8

   General Inspection & Dress parade

Dec. 9

   Co. V battalion drills firing blank cartridges.

Dec. 10

   Co. V Battallion drills. Received letters from mother and G. L.

Dec. 11

   Went out on Fairfax road and a Reconnoitering Dress Parade.

Dec. 12
Co. V Battallion drills

Dec. 13
Co. V Battallion drills

Dec. 14
Co. drill.

Dec. 15
General Inspection

Dec. 17
Brigade Inspection

Dec. 18
Co. V Battallion drills

Dec. 19

Dec. 20
Battallion drill by Major Halstead.

Dec. 24
Boys bring in logs to build our tent for winter quarters. Tent mates Blackstock, Bricker, Cammet, Wedgwood.

Dec. 25
Christmas. Got box from home. Boys build our tent.

Dec. 26
Bought stove for tent $5.50
Jan. 1
No duty

Jan. 5
Dress parades. Fine weather.

Jan. 6.
Snow Storm

Jan. 7
Battalion drill. Fine.

Jan. 8
Battalion drill.

Jan. 9
Raining, heavy & foggy

Jan. 10
"

Jan. 14

Jan. 15
Go Scouting to Pohick Church.

Jan. 16
Stormy on picket.

Jan. 17
Go scouting in the morning. Are relieved by 2nd Michigan.

Jan. 18
Regiment paid off.

Jan. 19
Stormy. No duty.

Jan. 21
"

Jan. 22
Had my picture taken.

Jan. 23
Lieut. Stover went home. Sent by him.

Jan. 24
Stormy
Jan. 25
  Stormy. Had cold.

Jan. 26
  Fine weather. Sick with cold.

Jan. 28
  Stormy. Sick with cold.

Jan. 29
  Pleasant. Bad cold. Blackstock got box from home.

Jan. 30
  Stormy. Bad cold. Received 2 papers from Gus Lowell

Jan. 31
  Stormy. Letter from mother.
February 1862

Feb. 1
Bad weather.

Feb. 2

Feb. 3
5 inches

Feb. 4
Fine weather. Shoveling snow. On guard at night at the 38 Regt.

Feb. 5
Very fine. Dress parade.

Feb. 6

Feb. 7
On guard. Pleasant.

Feb. 8
Ft. Henry captured. No duty.

Feb. 9
Inspection & Dress parade & Inspection. Lieut. Foster promoted to Captain.

Feb. 10
Battallion drill.

Feb. 11

Feb. 12
Dress parade.

Feb. 13
Went on picket on Richmond road.

Feb. 14
Went scouting near the Pohick Church.

Feb. 15
Went scouting near the Pucon [?].

Feb. 16
Returned from Fort Donaldson taken 15,000 prisoners.

Feb. 17
No duty.

Feb. 18
No duty. Dull day

Feb. 19
Rainy

Feb. 20
Co. V battalion drills. Dress parade.

Feb. 22

Feb. 23
Inspection Drill.

Feb. 24
Rain & windy. In fatigue.

Feb. 25
Battalion V Co. drills. Dress parade. On duty at Cook house.

Feb. 26
Co. V Battalion drill.

Feb. 27
Co. drill.

Feb. 28
Muster and roll call by Col. Riley. Windy and Cold
March 1862

Mar. 1
Battalion drill by Major H -    Windy and cold.

Mar. 2
Inspection A. M.    Get new rifles.

Mar. 3
Went on picket at Pohick

Mar. 4

Mar. 5
Returned to Camp.

Mar. 7
Got new pants & Rubber tents.  light blue.

Mar. 9
Inspection.  On guard.

Mar. 11
Battalion and Brigade drills.

Mar. 12
Camp     picket

Mar. 13
Target shooting.  Brigade drill.  Went to theatre.

Mar. 14
Packed knapsacks and prepared for march.

Mar. 15

Mar. 16

Mar. 17
Started for Alexandria 2 P. M.  Sleep on board Steamer Wm. Kent.

Mar. 18
On board  Steamer Pioneer.   Start for Fort Monroe at 12.

Mar. 19
On the Chesapeake Bay.  Arrived at Fortress P. M.  Monroe at 5.

Mar. 20
Landed and camp near Hampton
Mar. 21
  Short Battallion drill.

Mar. 22
  " Without equipment.

Mar. 23
  Inspection and Dress parade.

Mar. 24
  Co. drill A. M. Move camp to other side of Hampton.

Mar. 25
  Co. drill & Battllion

Mar. 26
  Brigade and Battallion drills. Dress parade.

Mar. 27
  Battallion drill by Major Brigall [sp?]. drill, dress parade.

Mar. 29
  Co. drill & dress parade

Mar. 30
  Stormy. No duty.

Mar. 31
  Dress parade.
April 1862

Apr. 1

Apr. 2
On guard.

Apr. 3
Co. drill. Review by Gen. Hamilton & Staff.

April 4
Struck tents and march to Big Bethel and camp for night.

Apr. 5
March again and stop at before Yorktown. Rebel batteries in sight.

Apr. 6
Out of rations.

Apr. 7
Rainy. No duty.

Apr. 8
On picket Guard. No bread. Rainy.

Apr. 9
Move about 2 mile into woods.

Apr. 10
Get our rations at night. Fine.

Apr. 11
Move further back. Turned out for a fight and are disappointed.

Apr. 12
Turned out again for fight.

Apr. 13
Articles of War read by Chaplain.

Apr. 14
Went on picket at night. See rebels plainly.

Apr. 15
Are relieved by 3rd Michigan at dark.

Apr. 16
Firing by our batteries all day and at night.

Apr. 17
Arise before daybreak. Batteries firing all day. Turned out in the night.

Apr. 18
On guard.

Apr. 19
Co. on fatigue at Goose Creek - building a road.

Apr. 20
On picket.

Apr. 21

Apr. 22
On fatigue at Goose Creek. Showery all day. Called up at night to support battery while guns were mounted.

Apr. 23
Pleasant Batteries. Firing at intervals.

Apr. 24
Regt on fatigue at Goose Creek. Are saluted on by a 64 pds ball on return which passed about 15 feet over head.

Apr. 25
Regt paid off $26.00 Several showers.

Apr. 26
Rainy all day. Fatigue at Goose

Apr. 27
Foggy. Get new shoes.

Apr. 28
Building fort and rifle pit.

Apr. 29
On guard at night.

Apr. 30
6 Left Co. on fatigue by day. 4 Right at night. Lent picture of Camp. Packet home.
May 1
Have a day of rest.

May 2
At work at battery. No. 2 at night

May 3
Inspection of arms. Dress parade.

May 4

May 5
March to near Williamsburg where we have a fight. Kenney killed and Pike and Cass wounded.

May 6
Williamsburg evacuated. Encamp there.

May 7
Birthday. Go out foraging after cattle & grain.

May 8
Rest all day. Dress parade without arms.

May 9
March about eight miles toward Richmond.

May 10
March 7 or 8 miles farther. Get letter from Gus L

May 11

May 12
Inspection of arms by Col. Riley

May 13
March 10 mile farther partly by night

May 14
Rainy. Pitch tents.

May 15
Rainy march to Cumberland Landing.

May 16
Lee Henry Carrier

May 17
Dress parade
May 18

"Go in bathing. Get letter from home.

May 19

Rainy march about 2 miles toward Kent Court House and a camp.

May 20

March about 7 mile on Richmond road

May 21

Pleasant. Get letter from Lucy P. No duty.

May 23

March about 7 miles to Lammit. [sp?]

May 24

Rainy part of day

May 25

March to Bottom Ridge and cross and camp.

May 26

Work on rifle pits. Rainy all night.

May 27

Dress parade.

May 28

Pack up and do not march.

May 29

March about 2 miles and camp.

May 30

Heavy thunder shower. Rainy all night.

May 31

March about 1 ½ miles to Savage Station. Battle of Fair Oaks. Col. Riley carried off the field.

Sick
June 1862

Jun. 1

Jun. 5
All quiet.

Jun. 6
Dress parade.

Jun. 7
Heavy shower. Fresh troops arrive.

Jun. 8
Brigade under arms. Col. Ward in command. Capt. Grigalls and Lieut. Strait on staff

Jun. 9
Co. drill A. M.

Jun. 10
Rainy all day.

Jun. 11
Move ½ mile to the left.

Jun. 12
Rgt. under arms.

Jun. 13
On picket

Jun. 14
" in service 1 year, 101st N. G. join our brigade. Two men shot in Company H.

Jun. 15
Moved company about one mile back.

Jun. 16
Got letter from home & Ch. D. Pike

Jun. 17

Jun. 18
Co. drill.

Jun. 19
On picket. All quiet.

Jun. 20
On picket. Rebels fire a few shells at us.

**Jun. 21**

Return firing all night.

**Jun. 22**

All quiet.

**Jun. 23**

Fallen trees near picket lines. Very heavy shower at night.

**Jun. 25**

Fighting and skirmishing all along the lines of picket.

**Jun. 26**

On picket. Heavy firing on the Right.

**Jun. 27**

Return from picket. Move came to Redoubts. Skirmishing and picket firing. Called out at two in morning.

**Jun. 29**

Paid off. Our Co. on picket at night. Awake all night. Leroy A. Emery shot a finger off.

**Jun. 30**

Leave camp and burn most of things and Retreat. Sick.
July 1862

**Jul. 2**

Battle of Malvern Hills.

**Jul. 3**

At Harrison’s Landing in Hospital. Sick.

**Jul. 4**

In Hospital. Sick.

**Jul. 5**

Get 3 letters.

**Jul. 6**

Went to camp by rifle pits.

**Jul. 7**

Sick and done no duty.

**Jul. 8**

Regt reviewed by President & Gen. McClellan.

**Jul. 9**

All quiet and very little duty.

**Jul. 11**

Rainy. On guard.

**Jul. 12**


**Jul. 13**

Clustered for pay’ m’t

**Jul. 14**

Inspected by Gen. Heintzelman and Birney. On fatigue.

**Jul. 15**

Inspection of arms.

**Jul. 16**

Dress parade.

**Jul. 17**

On guard.

**Jul. 18**

On guard. Regt on picket.

**Jul. 19**

Return from picket. Get new clothes.

**Jul. 20**
Division and Co. drill.

**Jul. 21**

**Jul. 22**
Brigade and Battallion drill.

**Jul. 23**
Division A corps reviewed. Gen. McClellen and Heintzelman.

**Jul. 24**
On picket.

**Jul. 25**
Return from picket. On guard. Regt. on Brigade.

**Jul. 27**
Inspected by Gen. Birney and Kearney.

**Jul. 28**
Reville at 4½. Co. Battallion and Brigade drill.

**Jul. 29**
Oh fatigue. Brigade drills.

**Jul. 30**
Called out 3½ and go picket. All quiet. Showery.

**Jul. 31**
Return from picket firing on the River at night.
August 1862

Aug. 1
Co. & Battallion drills.

Aug. 2
Brigade drill. Dress parade.

Aug. 3

Aug. 4
Brigade Drill. Regt goes on picket.

Aug. 5
Firing up the River. Return from picket. 2 days rations cooked.

Aug. 6
Brigade drill. Clean up for inspection.

Aug. 7
Clean up for inspection. Battalion drill.

Aug. 8
Co. and Battallion drill. Fatigue on Hill

Aug. 10
Go on picket. On outpost all quiet.

Aug. 11
Return. Marching orders Get ready for march.

Aug. 12
On guard. Liek sent off.

Aug. 13
Guard relieved. Get letter from home.

Aug. 14
Brigade drill.

Aug. 15
Get up at 3 ½. Towards Williamsburg. Stop at Gordons ford at night. 15 mile

Aug. 16
March again. Stop at Gascon Creek and cook two days rations.

Aug. 17
March to James City and camp. On guard.

Aug. 18
March to Williamsburg. Get 2 days rations.

Aug. 19
March to Yorktown. Get one days ration.

Aug 20
Embark on Screw Steamer Merianae [sp?] 5 Regt on board. Very crowded

Aug. 21
Start up the Chesapeake bay at 5 a. m. Anchor below Mathias Point for night.

Aug. 22
Steam up at 4 and start up the River. Arrive at Alexandria at 11 ½. Disembark. Encamp near Fort Ellsworth at night.

Aug. 23
Start on cars and get off at Warrenton Junction and march about 4 miles.

Aug. 24
March 1 mile further and camp.

Aug. 25
All quiet except a little firing at a distance.

Aug. 26
March 2 mile further. Stop at station at night.

Aug. 27
Start at 9 and march about 20 miles toward Manassas.

Aug. 28
March to Centreville

Aug. 29

Aug. 30
Fell back to Centreville

Aug. 31
Move about 1 mile.
September 1862

Sept. 1

Sept. 2
Walk to Alexandria and take boat to Washington. Stop for night in Washington.

Sept. 3
Take cars for Baltimore and change cars for Philadelphia and arrive at 11 P.M. Stop in St. Erons a Church. Donations by Citizens.

Sept. 4
Donations by citizens.

Sept. 5
Removed to Broad & Cherry Pt. Hospital.

Sept. 6
In Hospital. Inspection by Dr. Neil.

Sept. 7
Write home. Write to Boody. Inspection

Sept. 9
Inspection

Sept. 10

Sept. 11
Get letter from Boody

Sept. 12
Get letter from Millier Stickney.

Sept. 13 to 29
Are inspected daily. Go and see Ironsides and several other sights. In which time Dr. Dork comes to see me and Dalton and Lister.

Sept. 30
Go out on pass.

Willie N. Hoyt, the noble young patriot and Hero, as the forgoing events prove him to be. God bless him and enable him to fight bravely and manfully the battle of Life. May he be clothed with the whole armor of God that he may stand against the wiles of the Devil who is a more formidable adversary than Jefferson Davis and the rebels.
And when the war is won and we return from Hospital and Regiment to our chosen pursuits, may the friendship begun here continue to grow stronger and stronger to the rest of life.

Very Truly yours.

Jas. Butler

U. S. Hospital

Philadelphia
October 1862

Oct. 1
Raining. Stop in doors all day.

Oct. 3
Go down to Navy Yard and to Independence Hall.

Oct. 4
Go out to Germantown and see R. Jr. R. Dors [?]

Oct. 8
John Mansfield died of Diphtheria. Wrote to his folks.

Oct. 9
Went to funeral.

Oct. 10
Transferred to Ward A.

Oct. 11
Get letter from home by Dr. Don.

Oct. 14
Mother came to see me and brought news from home.

Oct. 17
Get my description list and letter from Capt. Foster.

Oct. 23
Mother went home. Rev. Dr. Don came to see me.

Oct. 27
Mustered and went out on pass. For pay.

Oct. 30
20 out of each ward go to see the South Sea Whaling Voyage Exhibition.

Oct. 31
November 1862

Nov. 4
Go out to Fairmont Water works and falls of Schuylkill. Go to concert in evening. Have introduction to Mrs. McClellan’s daughter.

Nov. 6
Get new coat and Cl[oth] overcoat. Start for Washington from Provost Marshalls at f11 P.M.

Nov. 7
Go through Baltimore Snow Storm. Arrive at Washington and stop in barracks for night.

Nov. 8
Go to the Convalescent Camp. Alexandria.

Nov. 9
Go to Fort Tillinghast and see friends.

Nov. 10
Return to Co. camp

Nov. 11
Write to Boody

Nov. 12
Lee Rodney Carrier gets discharged and goes home.

Nov. 13
See Capt. Johnson and Fleether.

Nov. 15
Go to Alexandria. See B. F. Pike who is sick. Gets discharge

Nov. 24
Go to see friends in H Maine Regt

Nov. 25
Go to camp of 110th Maine Regt. Return to Convalescent Camp.

Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Day. Rice soup for Dinner. Very quiet in camp.

Nov. 28
Go to Alexandria on pass.
December 1862

Dec. 2
Detailed on guard in Camp Convalescent.

Dec. 3
Write home and to Mr. Hastings at Phil’a

Dec. 9
Go to Washington and 4 months pay.

Dec. 10
Send allotment home of $5 dollars by letter. Get letter from the Hastings in Philadelphia.

Dec. 11
Go to Alexandria. Get Boots and Gloves

Dec. 15
Hear from home.

Dec. 16
Write Conie[?], Send [?]

Dec. 19
W. Fifield comes from the Regt with Capt. Foster and others

Dec. 20
Go to 14th Regt Mass. And stop while…24

Dec. 23
Go to Alexandria and see Captain and stop at night.

Dec. 26
Start for Regt and arrive at evening and report for duty. Write home.

Dec. 28
Write to A L B and O L P [?]

Dec. 29
On guard.
Journal 1863
January

Jan. 1
New Year festivities. Gymnastic exercise and drill at Gen’l Wards hdqr

Jan. 2
Go receive boxes & barrell from Newburyport.

Jan. 11
Go on pickett at Stafford Blair and stay three days

Jan. 14
Return to camp.

Jan. 15
Get letter from Mr. A. T. Bayley, paper from Mrs. Fuller

Jan. 18
Sunday, go to Camp of W. Mass and see friends.

Jan. 19
Co. drill. Get letter from G. Putnam and paper from Mrs. Fowler.

Jan. 20
Break camp and march via Stafford Plain to near the Rappahannock and camp in pine woods.

Jan. 21
Wet & Rainy. Preparations being made to cross the river. Pontoon train & Batteries have great trouble in getting through the mud.

Jan. 22
Wet and muddy

Jan. 24
Get one day’s ration and march to old camp ground.

Jan. 25
Build chimney and fix tent.

Jan. 26
On guard. Unwell.

Jan. 27
Unwell.

[Sideways insertion:] This book was lost and is found again.
I did enlist in Portland, Maine, July 24\textsuperscript{th} 1862.

\textbf{July 27}

Went home to Pownal.

\textbf{July 28}

Went to Lewiston and back to Pownal.

\textbf{July 29}

Returned to Portland and went into Camp at Camp King and drilled without arms until Aug. 17\textsuperscript{th} when we drew guns and equipment and clothing.

\textbf{Aug. 18}

We mustered into the United States service.

\textbf{Aug. 21}

Left Portland for the seat of war.

\textbf{Aug. 23}

Arrived in Washington at sunset and marched 2 miles to Fort Wagoner[Wagner] and camped for the night.

\textbf{Aug. 24}

Marched half a mile to Fort Baker and took Command of that Fort and each Company went to a different fort where we remained until Sept. 15\textsuperscript{th} when the nineteenth came and relieved us and we moved about one mile to Fort Staunton and joined Co. I. Here we remained until Oct. 7\textsuperscript{th} and the regiment took up the line of march. We marched to Washington and remained there until four o’clock in the afternoon. We then marched across Long Bridge and Camped for the night.

\textbf{Oct. 8}

Marched to Upton hill.

\textbf{Oct. 11}

Left Upton hill and marched all day and camped in the Woods.

\textbf{Oct. 12}

Marched all day and camped within half a mile of Edwards Ferry.

\textbf{Oct. 13}

Moved past Edwards Ferry about half a mile and camped.
Oct. 28
Marched from Edwards and crossed the Potomac river at Whites Ford and camped on the opposite side.

Oct. 31
Left Camp near Whites Ford and marched to Camp near Leesburg and Camped for the night.

Nov. 2
Left camp and Leesburg and marched to Milvill [Millville] and camped for the night.

Nov. 4
Left Milvill and marched to White plains and camped for the night.

Nov. 5
Left White plains and marched to within two miles of Waterloo and camped.

Nov. 8
Left camp near Waterloo and moved a short distance and camped.

Nov. 11
Moved again to Waterloo and camped for the night.

Nov. 12
Moved back again and camped for the night.

Nov. 16
Marched to Washington and camped for the night.

Nov. 17
Left Washington and marched to camp near Catlett’s Station and camped for the night.
Here a man was shot for taking straw to lay on.

Nov. 18
Marched to Camp Fury and camped for the night.

Nov. 19
Marched to marshy[?] hill and camped.

Nov. 22
Marched to camp near Falmouth.

Dec. 10
The day they commenced Shelling Fredericksburgh we was routed about four o’clock and marched about two miles and halted until about dark and was then moved a few rods into the woods where we remained for the night.

Dec. 11
Marched about four o’clock in the afternoon when we marched down the river about three miles and camped in the woods for the night.

Dec. 12

Started about four o’clock in the morning and marched about two miles and halted an hour then marched half a mile and halted until half past eleven o’clock, we then crossed the Rappohannah to the field of Battle. This was Saturday and remained until Monday evening at half past nine. We then retreated across the river again and marched about two miles and camped for the night in the woods. Thursday about ten o’clock we marched back to the old Campground and named it Camp Pitcher.

The end of 1862
Jan. 1
Weather pleasant. No drill. Dresparade at five.

Jan. 2
Weather pleasant. Grand review and dresparade.

Jan. 3
Weather pleasant and drill.

Jan. 4
Weather pleasant. Dresparade.

Jan. 5

Jan. 6
Weather rainey. on guard. Batalion drill went to see Private Frances Herman 1st N. Y. drummed out of the service.

Jan. 7
Weather pleasant. Relieved from guard. No drill and dresparade.

Jan. 8
Weather unpleasant. Batalion drill and dresparade.

Jan. 9

Jan. 10
Weather rainey. Company drill.

Jan. 11
Weather dull. Dres parade.

Jan. 12
Weather pleasant. Was detailed to cut wood for officers.

Jan. 13
Weather pleasant. Batalion drill in forenoon and afternoon and dress parade. Received a box from home.

Jan. 14
Weather dull. Poleased Streets in forenoon and Brigade drill in the afternoon.

Jan. 15
Jan. 17
Weather pleasant and cold. Frying cakes dresparade

Jan. 18
Weather clear and cold. Inspection of ground and dress parade.

Jan. 19
Weather cold Batalion drill went to see two of the 37 N. Y. drummed out of the service.

Jan. 20
Weather pleasant Stuck tents at ten and marched one mile and halted until noon and then marched until five and halted for the night, commenced raining at six and rained during the night.

Jan. 21
Weather rainy. Orders come at six to turn out and get breakfast to march at light. At ten the orders came to pitch tents again.

Jan. 23
Weather still dull. I was detailed to go back three miles with haversacks for rations. When I returned I found the Regt had gone back to the old Campground so we started. We arrived there about seven at night.

Jan. 24
Weather still dull. Received two months pay

Jan. 25
Weather still dull. orders to clean guns and equipments. dresparade

Jan. 26
Weather cloudy had orders to fix up tents, dresparade

Jan. 27
Weather rainey dresparade

Jan. 28
Weather cold snow storm I am on guard dresparade

Jan. 29
Weather cold and unpleasant there was eight inches of snow fall

Jan. 30
Weather pleasant. I was detailed to lug brush to build guard house

Jan. 31
Weather pleasant. No duty.
February 1863

Feb. 1
Weather pleasant. Regt inspection of every thing.

Feb. 2
Weather pleasant. Company inspection and dresparade

Feb. 3
Weather cold. Detailed for fatigue

Feb. 4
Weather cold. Dresparade. Received box from home.

Feb. 5
Weather snow storm

Feb. 6
Weather rainy. Orders came at five to pack up for pickett.

Feb. 7
Weather pleasant on pickett.

Feb. 8
Weather pleasant on pickett.

Feb. 9
Weather pleasant. Returned from pickett.

Feb. 10
Weather pleasant. Poleeeced the streets

Feb. 11

Feb. 12
Weather cloudy. Regt inspection. Company drill. dresperade

Feb. 13
Weather pleasant. Regt inspection. Company drill and dresperade

Feb. 14
Weather pleasant dresperade

Feb. 15
Weather rainy dresperade

Feb. 16
Weather rainy dresperade

Feb. 17
Weather pleasant was detached for fatigue duty dresperade

Feb. 18
Weather thick snow storm  I am on guard.

Feb. 19
Weather rainey  on picket

Feb. 20
Weather pleasant  on picket

Feb. 21
Weather pleasant  on picket

Feb. 22
Weather thick snow storm  on picket

Feb. 23
Weather pleasant  returned from picket

Feb. 24
Weather pleasant  no duty

Feb. 25
Weather pleasant  brigade inspection

Feb. 26
Weather rainey

Feb. 27
Weather pleasant  Rgt inspection

Feb. 28
Weather cloudy  Mustard in for pay at six and started on picket at eight.
March 1863

Mar. 1
Weather rainy on picket.

Mar. 2
Weather pleasant on picket

Mar. 3
Weather cloudy returned from picket

Mar. 4
Weather clear and cold Company inspection

Mar. 5
Weather pleasant detailed for fatigue

Mar. 6
Weather pleasant detailed for fatigue duty

Mar. 7
Weather pleasant Company drill

Mar. 8
Weather cloudy Inspection of every thing

Mar. 9
Weather pleasant company drills dresperade

Mar. 10
Weather pleasant company drill.

Mar. 11
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection

Mar. 12
Weather cold Company drill.

Mar. 13
Weather pleasant Brigade drill Capt. Sawyer returned from home

Mar. 14
Weather pleasant on guard

Mar. 15
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection went and had some pictures taken

Mar. 16
Weather dull Brigade drill.

Mar. 17
Weather pleasant Battalion drill and dresperade

Mar. 18
Weather pleasant  Brigade inspection  Company drill and dresparade

Mar. 19
Weather pleasant  detailed to the wood  battalion drill

Mar. 20
Weather stormy

Mar. 21
Weather stormy

Mar. 22
Weather dull.  Regt inspection  dresperade

Mar. 23
Weather pleasant  Regimental inspection and target shooting

Mar. 24
Weather pleasant  Regt inspection  dresperade

Mar. 25
Weather pleasant  Brigade inspection

Mar. 26
Weather pleasant  grand review by Gen. Sickles and Gen. Curtin of Phila. and dresperade

Mar. 27
Weather pleasant  went on picket  the great horse race

Mar. 28
Weather rainey  on picket

Mar. 29
Weather pleasant  on picket

Mar. 30
Weather pleasant  returned from picket

Mar. 31
Weather stormy
April 1863

Apr. 1
Weather pleasant. Was aroused at one o’clock in the morning by the beat of the drum and had orders to fall into line and wate for further orders. At eight o’clock orders came for further Brigade inspection and dresperade.

Apr. 2
Weather pleasant Struck tents at eight o’clock and marched about four miles and camped in the woods near Bell plains and Stockaded new tents. Aron Hodsdon returned from home today

Apr. 3
Weather pleasant Stockading tents

Apr. 4
Weather windy. Stockading tents. Commenced snowing about eight oclock in the evening

Apr. 5
Weather dull. Continued to snow during the night and cleared off about ten oclock

Apr. 6
Weather pleasant building tents

Apr. 7
Weather pleasant building tents

Apr. 8
Weather pleasant reviewed by President Lincon

Apr. 9
Weather pleasant on guard Brigade inspection

Apr. 10
Weather pleasant on guard went to salute President Lincon and Family

Apr. 11
Weather pleasant See Cosin Philloph Drinkwater

Apr. 12
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection Private George W Stacy returned that deserted Oct. 14, 1862.

Apr. 13
Weather pleasant. Was ordered to pack up and turn over to the quartermaster all Clothing except one

Apr. 14
Shift Brigade inspection. Company inspection and Regt inspection commenced raining about ten oclock. Stacy returned

Apr. 15
Weather continues to rain.

**Apr. 16**
Weather dull. Received four months pay

**Apr. 17**
Weather pleasant. Company inspection

**Apr. 18**
Weather pleasant. Company inspection. Went over to the First New York to see Gymnastic performances

**Apr. 19**

**Apr. 20**
Weather rainy. Company inspection

**Apr. 21**
Weather pleasant. Company inspection. Company drill and dress parade

**Apr. 22**
Weather pleasant. Company drill and Brigade drill and dress parade

**Apr. 23**
Weather rainy. Our Regt was called upon to guard the first New York Regt as “they” refused to do duty. Said their time was out

**Apr. 24**
Weather rainy. Was relieved and went on picket

**Apr. 25**
Weather dull on picket

**Apr. 26**
Weather pleasant on picket

**Apr. 27**
Weather pleasant. Returned from picket

**Apr. 28**
Weather dull. Struck tents about four o’clock and marched about four miles and camped in woods

**Apr. 29**
Weather rainy. Packed up and marched about half a mile and halted that night

**Apr. 30**
Weather rainy. Was mustered for pay, packed up and moved a few rods into the woods and stopped about one hour. We then marched about sixteen miles and camped for the night
May 1863

May 1

Weather pleasant packed up about eight o'clock and marched about two miles and crossed the Rappahannah River on pontoon Bridge and marched about one mile and halted about two hours and then marched up in front of the enemy's breastwork and was ordered to lay down here we lay a short time and the order came for us to undo our blankets and make our sefas comfortable for the night.

May 2

Weather pleasant did not move until noon when we was ordered for work. Marched half a mile and formed a line of battle in rear of the sharp shooters and advanced threw the woods capturing several hundred prisoners and driving them about two miles. We was then order to fall back to where we started from. It was then about dark here we lay about one hour when we learned the rebels had nearly surrounded us. We was then ordered to charge through the woods that our Division had got out of from the rest of the forces. We had advanced but a short distance when the enemy opened a fire from both sides and in front of us. We fired one volley and then lay down here we remained a few minutes and they opened again and we replyed we was then ordered to fall back at the edge of the woods here we lay for the night.

May 3

Weather pleasant at sunrise we was ordered into line and the enemy opened on us and we fought hard all day the enemy driving us about half a mile here we held our position at dark I and to others was detailed to go and beef for the Regt we went back about half a mile and found the beef was not killed so one of the men went back in the Regt and to of us lay down by the Cattle and hail [?] three.

May 4

Weather pleasant about four o'clock we got up and shot our beef we had nothing but one case knife and a broken jack knife to dres our beef with I then went for more help to lug it up we built breast works and lay there all day and during the night.

May 5

Weather pleasant lay behind the breast works there was a smart shower in the afternoon.

May 6

Weather dull at two o'clock we was ordered into line and here we stood until four raining by spells we then retreated across the river the same as went back to the Old Camp.

May 7

Weather dull cleaned up guns.

May 8

Weather dull no duty.
May 9
Weather pleasant no duty

May 10
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection and meeting

May 11
Weather pleasant Corps review by Gen Sickles received a call from David Noyes

May 12
Weather pleasant Company drill

May 13
Weather pleasant Co drill went to White Oak Church to the fifth and seventh maine Regt

May 14
Weather Showery Company drill and Regt drill dresperade

May 15
Weather pleasant was detailed for fatigue duty

May 16
Weather pleasant Company inspection

May 17
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection dresperade and meeting

May 18
Weather pleasant the Company was detailed to lug Shade trees for the Co Street Batalion drill and dresperade

May 19
Weather pleasant Batalion drill and dresperade

May 20
Weather pleasant Company drill and dresperade received a Box from home

May 21
Weather pleasant Brigade drill and dresperade

May 22
Weather pleasant Lieut, Col. Merrill took the regt to the Patomac Creek to Bathe

May 23
Weather pleasant no duty

May 24
Weather pleasant went on picket eight miles

May 25
Weather dull on picket

May 26

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Weather cloudy on picket

May 27
Weather pleasant returned from picket fell in and marched down to the drilling ground and Gen Sickles made a speech and medals presented to the Company

May 28
Weather pleasant Battalion drill and dresperade

May 29
Weather pleasant on guard

May 30
Weather pleasant dresperade

May 31
Weather pleasant dresperade and meeting
June 1863

Jun. 1  
Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill and dresperade

Jun. 2  
Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill and dresperade

Jun. 3  
Weather pleasant Company drill and dresperade received two months pay

Jun. 4  
Weather pleasant the 87 and 38 N Y regiments went home to day and we went to escot them to the Station

Jun. 5  
Weather pleasant Company drill in AM and Batalion drill and dresperade

Jun. 6  
Weather pleasant shower at sunset Company drill Batalion drill I helped dig L. E. Jordan grave

Jun. 7  
Weather pleasant Division inspection by Gen. Birney dresperade and meeting

Jun. 8  
Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill AM Batalion drill and dresperade

Jun. 9  
Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill Batalion drill dresperade

Jun. 10  
Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill Batalion drill dresperade

Jun. 11  
Weather pleasant on guard orders came at twelve oclock to pack up and be ready to march at a moments notice at two oclock the guard was dismissed and the bugle sounded for us to start. we marched until half passed ten which was sixteen miles and Camped for the night

Jun. 12  
Weather pleasant at half past six the bugle sounded attention and we marched to Bealtion Station which was twenty miles and camped

Jun. 13  
Weather pleasant got tents half done and had orders to pack up and be ready to start at any moment lay waiting all day at eleven oclock at night we was turned out to draw rations

Jun. 14  
Weather dull was turned out at three oclock and packed up did not march until six at night then marched to catlet Station and camped for the night

Jun. 15
Weather hot started at six o'clock and marched to Bull Run Bridge and halted an hour for dinner then marched to the Old Bull run Battle Field arrived there at six and stopped until nine o'clock when orders came for our Brigade to go on picket we marched about two miles to the picket line and got posted at eleaven

Jun. 16
Weather pleasant still on picket

Jun. 17
Weather pleasant packed up at three o'clock in afternoon and marched about two miles and camped for the night we was then one mile from Sentersville

Jun. 18
Weather rainey did not march

Jun. 19
Weather hot with showers had orders at noon to strike tents we packed up marched twelve miles to Gum Springs arrived there at ten the evening was dark and rainey see some of the 25 regt

Jun. 20
Weather showery struck and pitched tents four times during the day at five we had orders to pack up and go on pickets went but a short distance and pitched tents as reserve picket but about eight o'clock the orders came to move out on one of the pickets posts

Jun. 21
Weather showery had orders to pack up and be ready to march at eny moment cannon-adeing is herd near Auldee, we drew in the picket line and moved about one mile was relieved from picket at dark and went into camp for the night

Jun. 22
Weather pleasant Batalion drill in afternoon

Jun. 23
Weather pleasant Brigade drill in afternoon

Jun. 24
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection by Capt Smith

Jun. 25
Weather dull rainy in afternoon and night packed up and marched at six o'clock in the morning and marched to Edwards Ferry and halted one hour for dinner and then crossed the Potomac on Pontoon Bridges into M.d. we then marched up the toe path as far as the Monocacy River and camped for the night having marched twenty eight miles in the rain. It was about eleven o'clock when we halted I was put on guard for the remainder of the night

Jun. 26
Weather rainey marched at six o'clock in the morning marched to the Point of Rocks and camped for the night the distance of sixteen miles

Jun. 27
Weather rainey broke camp and marched from Point of rocks to Jefferson and halted about one hour for dinner and then marched threw the town the ladys waved their hankerchiefs and the Stars and Stripes was flying on the houses we marched on to Middletown vally and camped for the night

Jun. 28
Weather dull broke camp at eight and marched threw Middletown Fairview and Fredericks Citty and camped near Walkersville for the night

Jun. 29
Weather dull broke camp at six in the morning and marched threw Walkersville and Ladysburgh and Woodsbrough and Jennytown for the night a distance of nineteen miles

Jun. 30
Weather rainey broke camp at two oclock PM and marched on the Emmetsburg road as far as St Joseph and camped for the night the distance of eight miles I road in the Ambulance for the first time
July 1863

Jul. 1
Weather rainey at eight we had orders to pack up did not march until two o'clock and then
marched about one mile and camped for the night by the nunnery near Emmetsburgh

Jul. 2
Weather dull had orders at two and a half o'clock AM to turn out and tack up marched at four
o'clock passed through Emmetsburgh about nine miles and came to the enemy picket and here the
battle commenced we got there at ten and at twelve we was ordered to the front at about four the
fire was very heavy we was relieved about six o'clock by the fifth corps and we fell back a short
distance and lay down for the night

Jul. 3
Weather pleasant at six in the morning we changed our position and drew rations during the
forenoon the fireing was not very heavy but at two the cannonadeing commenced heavy and at
three we was ordered forward on double quick to support a Battery here we remained until about
ten o'clock in the evening we was ordered out on picket here we remained during the night
Weather dull at six o'clock AM we was drawn in and lay quiet until about noon we then changed
our position and threw up breast works and remained there during the night it rained hard during
the night had sharp lightning

Jul. 4
Weather dull at seven this morning we shifted our position into the woods and remained there
during the day

Jul. 5
Weather dull had orders to march this morning but owing to the being [?] full we did not go

Jul. 6
Weather rainy at two o'clock this morning we was turned out and packed up and marched at four
passed through Emmetsburgh on to McCanigsville and camped for the night the distance of
eighteen miles

Jul. 7
Weather rainey Marched at five and half this morning Passed through Frederick Citty about sun
set See the rebel spy that had just been caught and hanged Camped about five miles from the
Citty for the night

Jul. 8
Weather pleasant at five this morning we had orders to pack up move at six marched about four
miles and halted for rations about two hours and then marched through Middletown and camped
about a mile from it We had been into camp about two hours when the bugle sounded Pack up
we marched about five miles and camped again at ten o'clock the orders came to turn out and pack
as quick as possible we had got partly packed when the orders came that it was a false alarm so we turned in again

**Jul. 9**
Weather pleasant had orders to pack up about six this morning marched about five miles and halted until four o'clock in the afternoon and then marched on the Antietum Battle ground and as we thought for the night but about nine o'clock the bugle sounded back up we marched about four miles and camped for the night

**Jul. 10**
Weather pleasant marched at half past four this morning marched about one mile and camped in the woods saw some prisoners at four in the afternoon we we marched about two miles and camped for the line night near the rebel

**Jul. 11**
Weather pleasant moved forward as others force advanced about one mile I was on guard

**Jul. 12**
Weather dull did not advance eny today was relieved from guard

**Jul. 13**
Weather dull about three this afternoon we advanced about two miles in the direction of Williamsport the river and camped for the night had the third Division join our Corps

**Jul. 14**
Weather pleasant with showers in the afternoon at four this morning the bugle sounded pack up and we marched a few minutes after we marched through Fairplay and Sharpsburgh and camped two miles by and a distance of ten miles

**Jul. 15**
Weather pleasant marched at seven this morning marched through Brewersville and Brownsville to M.d. heights and camped for the night the distance of ten miles

**Jul. 16**
Weather rainy did not march untill about six in the afternoon marched two miles to the Potomac and crossed it at Harpers Ferry over into Va. marched through Harpers ferry about one mile and camped for the night

**Jul. 17**
Weather pleasant marched at five this morning marched about ten miles down Gandon valley and camped for the night

**Jul. 18**
Weather pleasant marched at seven this morning marched about six miles and camped for the night

**Jul. 19**
Weather pleasant marched at five and a half this morning marched about fifteen miles and camped for the night at Snickers gap

Jul. 20
Weather pleasant did not march

Jul. 21
Weather pleasant marched at two in the afternoon passed through Uppersville to Manassas gap arrived there at ten the distance of fifteen miles

Jul. 22
Weather pleasant about three o'clock this morning we packed up and marched about two miles and halted and from here we found the enemy's pickets we advanced about two miles driving them before us at sunset we lay down in a line of Battle and remained there during the night this place is called Warping hights

Jul. 23
Weather pleasant at seven o'clock this morning we advanced through the hights about one and a half miles and halted until eleven o'clock and finding the enemy on the retreat and our Calvary after them we marched back about ten miles and camped for the night

Jul. 24
Weather pleasant marched at ten this morning marched about twelve miles and halted for the night our Regt was sent out on picket there was a shower this evening

Jul. 25
Weather pleasant at six this morning we marched and marched about ten miles and came to Warington halted for dinner then marched through the village and camped about two miles beyond

Jul. 26
Weather showery did not march drespearde at six

Jul. 27
Weather showery did not march but changed position of camp

Jul. 28
Weather pleasant did not march

Jul. 29
Weather showery Brigade inspection

Jul. 30
Weather pleasant Company inspection and at about three o'clock the bugle sounded the pack up and we marched about two miles to Sulphur Springs and went into camp for the night
August 1863

Aug. 1
Weather pleasant did not march

Aug. 2
Weather pleasant did not march Company inspection

Aug. 3
Weather pleasant was detailed to buy poles for shade

Aug. 4
Weather pleasant with shower in the afternoon on guard

Aug. 5
Weather pleasant fell into line and orders read

Aug. 6
Weather pleasant went on a picket

Aug. 7
Weather pleasant except shower in the afternoon was relieved from picket this morning

Aug. 8
Weather pleasant was detailed to lug brush for the Captain

Aug. 9
Weather pleasant Camping in Skeetin

Aug. 10
Weather pleasant Co drill from seven to half past eight and from five to half past six in the afternoon

Aug. 11
Weather pleasant Co drill in fore and afternoon

Aug. 12
Weather pleasant Co drill in fore and afternoon

Aug. 13
Weather dull there was heavy shower in the night on guard there was a dresperade

Aug. 14
Weather pleasant Co drill in fore noon

Aug. 15
Weather pleasant went on picket received two moths pay while on picket

Aug. 16
Weather pleasant returned from picket Regt inspection

Aug. 17
Weather pleasant Co. drill and corpse inspection
Aug. 18
  Weather pleasant on guard
Aug. 19
  Weather pleasant on guard regt on picket
Aug. 20
  Weather pleasant relieved from guard and picket
Aug. 21
  Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon
Aug. 22
  Weather pleasant went on picket  Division review at 5 o'clock PM
Aug. 23
  Weather pleasant was relieved from picket and went over to the 40 NY to meeting and the Co inspection
Aug. 24
  Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon David Noyes was here and we went over to the 3rd Maine
Aug. 25
  Weather pleasant Co drill was detailed for fatigue in afternoon there was a heavy shower in the evening
Aug. 26
  Weather pleasant on guard
Aug. 27
  Weather pleasant was relieved from guard Brigade drill in afternoon received a Corporals warrant dateing August first
Aug. 28
  Weather pleasant drills
Aug. 29
  Weather dull no drill
Aug. 30
  Weather pleasant went on picket
Aug. 31
  Weather pleasant was relieved from picket there was a corps inspection and musterd for pay
September 1863

Sept. 1
Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon

Sept. 2
Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Division drill in the afternoon

Sept. 3
Weather pleasant on guard

Sept. 4
Weather pleasant was relieved from guard Brigade drill

Sept. 5
Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Batalion drill in afternoon

Sept. 6
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection

Sept. 7
Weather pleasant grand review by Gen Mead at Gen Frenches head quarters

Sept. 8
Weather pleasant on picket

Sept. 9
Weather pleasant was relieved from picket

Sept. 10
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection and dresperade went to a Concert in the evening at Division headquarters

Sept. 11
Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon

Sept. 12
Weather dull went on picket

Sept. 13
Weather rainey returned from picket

Sept. 14
Weather dull on guard

Sept. 15
Weather pleasant was relieved from guard went on Brigade drill and while out on drill the orders came to go in and pack up as soon as possible to march we did so there was a great rush for hard tack we marched at six marched about three miles and camped for the night

Sept. 16
Weather pleasant marched at seven and crossed the Rappahannock river and then marched about three miles and halted for dinner and then crossed the steel river and marched within two miles of Culpepper and camped for the night had a hard march

Sept. 17
Weather foggy had orders to march at six packed up but not march untill ten we then marched past Culpeper about two miles and camped stopped an hour or to and then moved a few rods and camped for the night

Sept. 18
Weather rainey Co inspection

Sept. 19
Weather pleasant fixed up tents

Sept. 20
Weather pleasant Brigade inspection and dresperade

Sept. 21
Weather pleasant cold received hats and dress coats that we left when we left the Fort

Sept. 22
Weather cold on guard

Sept. 23
Weather pleasant still on guard there was one hundred and eighty seven Conscrips came for our Regt to day

Sept. 24
Weather pleasant the conscrips have been divided into Company we had twelve to our Co. dresperade

Sept. 25
Weather pleasant dresperade

Sept. 26
Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade I have a bad cold

Sept. 27
Weather pleasant Division review and Brigade inspection and dresperade

Sept. 28
Weather pleasant Co drill Regt inspection and dresperade

Sept. 29
Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade

Sept. 30
Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade
October 1863

Oct. 1
Weather dull on guard

Oct. 2
Weather rainy no duty

Oct. 3
Weather dull and dresperade

Oct. 4
Weather pleasant Division review by Gen. French and dresperade

Oct. 5
Weather pleasant was detailed to help build guard house was at work and about two oclock the bugle sounded to pack up we moved about one mile and camped where the sixth corps left

Oct. 6
Weather pleasant on guard the guard was kept up most all night there had been some reb. Calvary seen out side the picket line and expected they would make a rade

Oct. 7
Weather dull rained in the evening no duty dresperade

Oct. 8
Weather rainy went to see one of the first United States sharpshooters shot for US but when we got there he was drumed out of the service and discharged on dresperade

Oct. 9
Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade

Oct. 10
Weather dull had orders to pack up and be ready to march at a moments notice broke camp about two oclock PM and marched about two miles and formed a line of battle and stopped for the night

Oct. 11
Weather pleasant packed up and started about eight oclock marched about two miles in the direction of the river when we came in sight of rebel fires we was then drawn up in a line of battle and advanced into the woods but we found them to be only a squad of Calvary men and they fled they was suprised to be Garriders and our folks gave chase to them and fired several shot we then marched on again but soon a rebel force came up and began to shell our rear guard all day when there was a chance and several times there was sharp fighting betwixt our Calvary and the rebs but the loss was small at some times they was not more than one fourth of a mile to the rear we crossed the Rappahannock about nine in the evening and camped for the night

Oct. 12
Weather pleasant did not march
Oct. 13
Weather pleasant about four o'clock in the morning the bugle sounded pack up and we started about five and marched about four miles and halted and was ordered to load our Rifles we then marched on with in one mile of Auburn and halted for dinner we then marched marched about half a mile when our Co was ordered out as flankers we had hardly got out we had when the reb. Calvary opened fire in front of us we was deployed as skermishes and advanced there was a sharp skermish and the rebs left our Regt and the 40 N.Y. was ordered to charge they did so and captured twenty horses and a few men we had seventeen wounded on our side we then marched to Greenwich and camped for the night

Oct. 14
Weather pleasant left Greenwich at day break and marched to Briso Station and halted a short time and then marched to Sentersville and camped for the night the second Corpse was in our rear and the Calvary and there rear guard was shelling most all day at Briso Station they made a stand and fought for seven hours when the rebels fell back

Oct. 15
Weather pleasant at seven the bugle sounded pack up and we marched past Fairfax Station and camped for the night

Oct. 16
Weather rainy no duty

Oct. 17
Weather dull Brigade inspection

Oct. 18
Weather dull went to see a man from the fifth Mishegan shot for desertion it was a sad sight

Oct. 19
Weather pleasant at three this morning the bugle sounded pack up and we marched at four we passed Union mills and marched to Manassas Junction and halted for dinner and then marched to Briso Station and halted for the night

Oct. 20
Weather pleasant left Briso Station and forded three rivers the water was up to our thighs and marched to within two miles of Greenwich and halted for dinner and then marched four miles and halted for the night

Oct. 21
Weather pleasant marched at seven marched to within one and a half miles of Catlett Station and camped I was put on guard

Oct. 22
Weather pleasant on guard during the day and then went on picket at night
Oct. 23
Weather pleasant relieved from picket this morning rained in the evening

Oct. 24
Weather rainy no duty

Oct. 25
Weather dull Regt inspection and dresperade

Oct. 26
Weather pleasant no duty

Oct. 27
Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade at ten o'clock the bugle sounded pack up so we turned out it was very cold we marched about two miles and formed a line of battle and camped for the night

Oct. 28
Weather pleasant did not move

Oct. 29
Weather pleasant moved a short distance and camped had orders to stockade tents I was detailed for fatigue

Oct. 30
Weather pleasant at four this morning the bugle sounded reveile, and all turned out to get Breakfast at seven we marched to Catlet Station and from there we marched to within two miles of Bealton Station and camped was detailed to go on picket

Oct. 31
Weather dull on picket was mustered in for pay
November 1863

Nov. 1
Weather pleasant relieved from picket.

Nov. 2
Weather pleasant. Co. drill and dresparade.

Nov. 3
Weather pleasant. Co. drill and dresparade

Nov. 4
Weather pleasant. Co. drill and Batalion drill and dresparade.

Nov. 5
Weather pleasant. Batalion drill Brigade drill and dresparade

Nov. 6
Weather rainy Batalion drill

Nov. 7
Weather pleasant At four the bugle sounded the reverlee and we turned out and packed up and marched at five marched to Celleys Ford and halted but a few minutes when we was ordered forward here we came in contact with the enemy and and draw them back capturing about two hundred prisoners we threw out pickets and camped for the night we was in the 2nd Brig

Nov. 8
Weather pleasant we returned to our old Brigade we advanced carefully drawing the enemy as far as Brandy Station and camped for the night

Nov. 9
Weather dull Co inspection at six at night we moved about one mile and camped again

Nov. 10
Weather pleasant moved a short distance into the woods and had orders to Stockade tents went to work with one little hatchet

Nov. 11
Weather pleasant Regt inspection worked on tents

Nov. 12
Weather pleasant worked on tents

Nov. 13
Weather pleasant worked on tents

Nov. 14
Weather pleasant has been pleasant during the day but at dark it commenced in rain

Nov. 15
Weather rainy herd heavy cannonadeing at the Rappadon this morn received two months pay
Nov. 16  
Weather pleasant I am on guard there was a Corps review  

Nov. 17  
Weather pleasant relieved from guard dresperade  

Nov. 18  
Weather pleasant Co Drill Co inspection and dresperade I spraint my foot while on drill  

Nov. 19  
Weather pleasant Lieut Brown has Command of our Co I am of duty  

Nov. 20  
Weather pleasant of duty  

Nov. 21  
Weather rainy of duty  

Nov. 22  
Weather pleasant still of duty  

Nov. 23  
Weather pleasant still of duty  

Nov. 24  
Weather rainy my foot being better so I am on duty again had orders too pack up and be ready to march at seven oclock but at ten we had orders to unpack and pitch tents  

Nov. 25  
Weather pleasant Co inspection and Co drill  

Nov. 26  
Weather pleasant at seven the bugle bugle sounded the pack up and we marched at eight marched until noon and halted half an hour and eat some hard bread and cold water we then marched untill most dark and halted one hour for supper and then crossed the Rappendon river at Jacksons ford and marched half a mile and camped for the night  

Nov. 27  
Weather pleasant at five we was ordered to pack up and get breakfast marched at half past seven marched short distance and halted one hour we then marched a short distance and Co E and B was taken out for picket while the Division passed stayed there untill three oclock in the afternoon and then went on to overtake the Regt all the while there was fireing going on a short distance ahead we overtook the Regt just as they came to a halt we was ordered to laye down we lay down but a few moments when we was ordered to the front we found it very hot and our loss was was very heavy we fought about two hours when it grew dark we was relieved and fell back a short distance and lay there during the night after throwing out a picket line  

Nov. 28
Weather rainy at three this morning we was aroused and ordered to pack up and at four we marched out of the woods and halted leaving our picket after stopping about an hour we marched about four miles as quick as possible and then we halted for dinner we then kept moving on by spells until just before dark when we came to the enemy's lines here we threw out pickets and lay down for the night

Nov. 29

Weather dull and cold at four this morning we was ordered to pack up and be ready to move at any time moved a short distance the pickets fired by spells but not much loss and we remained during the night

Nov. 30

Weather clear and cold at five we was ordered to be ready to move changed our position to support a Battery at eight the Battery opened on the enemy but they made but little reply our Battery after firing about half an hour ceased firing the Skirmishes in front opened fire by spells we lay there during the day and night
December 1863

Dec. 1
Weather clear and cold this morning we was moved a short distance into the woods and lay there during the day we had orders several times during the day to be ready to move at any time at eight o'clock this evening we commenced to retreat we marched in the direction of the Rappadon

Dec. 2
Weather cold we marched all night and at day break this morning we reached the Rapidan river and crossed at Culpepper Ford we halted on this side of the river to get breakfast we rested until eleven o'clock while we was there the rebel cavalry came down on the opposite side of the river we opened a Battery on them and they fell back we moved a short distance and stopped until two we then marched until half past four and halted for supper we then had orders to halt three hours so we layed down and did not marched until about twelve we then fell in and marched all the rest of the night

Dec. 3
Weather pleasant at sunrise this morning we reached our old camp deTrobiand after marching most of the night it was very murky at four this afternoon we had an inspection of arms and at half past eight we had just layed down the bugle sounded the pack up and we was turned out and packed up here we remained until about twelve and then had orders to make ourselves comfortable for the night

Dec. 4
Weather pleasant cleaned our guns at noon the Division was turned out to see a Private of the third Maine shot for desertion had orders at dark to be ready to move camp tomorrow morning

Dec. 5
Weather dull got up and went to tearing down tent to move about half a mile and was lugging over logs to build a new tents when the orders came to march packed up and fell into line here we remained until morning

Dec. 6
Weather pleasant did not march but pitched shelter tents had Regt inspection at two o'clock

Dec. 7
Weather pleasant no duty

Dec. 8
Weather cold fixed tents and built sod chimney

Dec. 9
Weather pleasant on guard

Dec. 10
Weather pleasant Co drill
Dec. 11
Weather cold and stormy had orders to fix bunks in or tents

Dec. 12
Weather rainy no duty

Dec. 13
Weather dull had Regt inspection and dresperade and meeting by our new Chaplain Rev. J. H. Lovering see D. Noyes 7th Maine

Dec. 14
Weather dull dresperade

Dec. 15
Weather pleasant Co inspection and Co drill and dresperade

Dec. 16
Weather pleasant no duty

Dec. 17
Weather rainy no duty

Dec. 18
Weather rainy Brigade inspection went two miles to lug boards to build tents

Dec. 19
Weather pleasant but cold  luged boards to build tent

Dec. 20
Weather dull cold Regt inspection

Dec. 21
Weather dull was detailed for fatigue

Dec. 22
Weather pleasant went into the woods to cut logs to build tent

Dec. 23
Weather clear cold on guard

Dec. 24
Weather pleasant went into the woods for logs to tent and worked on tent  dresperade

Dec. 25
Weather pleasant have been building tent  meeting at to and dresperade

Dec. 26
Weather pleasant have been to work on tent and got it about done was fell into line to make out ordanance report  dresperade

Dec. 27
Weather rainy all day had orders Co inspection
Dec. 28
Weather rainy have been washing most of the day

Dec. 29
Weather pleasant have been laying a floor to or tent

Dec. 30
Weather pleasant on guard very mudy

Dec. 31
Weather rainy was relieved from guard and mustered for pay

The end of 1863
End of Diary 1.
Jan. 1
Rained all day there was no duty went about one mile for wood have done nothing except some writeing

Jan. 2
Pleasant but cold there was no duty I was cleaning my gun in the fore noon since I have been twice for wood

Jan. 3
Pleasant we have had a Regt inspection and meeting in the afternoon and Dresperade

Jan. 4
Has snowed all day on guard at the house of three women it was a nice place

Jan. 5
Pleasant was relieved from guard was detailed to go into the woods for a load of logs to build tent the guard drove us of and we had to go to another place

Jan. 6
Dull and cold there was no duty have been writeing the most of the day went for wood

Jan. 7
Pleasant but very cold have been dealing out rations to the Co Co inspection and dresperade

Jan. 8
Dull in the morning cleared of about noon I am on guard

Jan. 9
Pleasant but very cold was relieved from guard went over to the Division Supply train to carry Clothing to David Lovel Dresperade about eight this eve we had orders to march

Jan. 10
Pleasant got up and packed our things moved at eight moved about two miles and camped in the woods in the afternoon we moved back and layed over boards we brushed away the snow and pitched our shelter tents

Jan. 11
Pleasant went back to the old camp for boards we made a sled of barrel staves and halled them over in the after noon we was cutting and splitting logs for tent

Jan. 12
Pleasant have been getting out logs to build any tent with and have begun to build it

Jan. 13
Pleasant have been building tent got the top on and moved into it is quite comfortable

Jan. 14
Pleasant have been to work on the tent and building a chimney of stone and mud have got a good fireplace in it

Jan. 15
Pleasant have been washing and sewing received a Box from home found every thing in good order

Jan. 16
Pleasant have been cleaning my gun and to work on fatigue Balancing the ground in the streets and writing

Jan. 17
Pleasant all day Brigade inspection and meeting

Jan. 18
Pleasant all day there was no duty I have been doing a little of everything

Jan. 19
Rainey the most of the day but cleared up at night had orders to be ready with every thing and one days rations to go on guard at the Brigade teams

Jan. 20
Pleasant was relieved from guard this morning there was a Regt inspection by Major Mattox of gun and equipments dresperade

Jan. 21
Pleasant have been on fatigue pileing up and burning brush all day dresperade

Jan. 22
Pleasant and warm I have been helping split out logs to build a Chapel for the Regt.

Jan. 23
Pleasant and very warm I have been splitting out logs to build a Chapel

Jan. 24
Pleasant and warm Review by Gen Birney and inspection by Col G. W. West

Jan. 25
Pleasant and very warm I have been to work on the Chapel we hav got it about half done it is thirty feet by eighteen

Jan. 26
Pleasant and warm I have been to work on the Chapel to day C. G. H. and I am all alone to night the rest have gone on picket

Jan. 27
Pleasant have been to work on the Chapel we have been building the wals there was a dresperade I received two Boxes from home and one from Gardiner

Jan. 28
Pleasant have been to work on the Chapel building chimney and seats

Jan. 29

Pleasant I have been to work on the Chapel have got it most done are weighting for the Filge [?] to come to cover it with

Jan. 30

Dull and some rain I am on Brigade guard at Brigade head quarters

Jan. 31

Pleasant came of Brigade guard this morning there was an inspection this fore noon meeting in afternoon and evening dresperade
February 1864

Feb. 1
Dull with some rain there was no duty had orders to get lessons in Caseys tactics to recite twice a week had a dresperade

Feb. 2
Dull and some rain I have been washing and cleaning my gun there was a Co drill this forenoon there is a very heavy thunder shower this evening

Feb. 3
Pleasant but windy had a Co drill and then went to lugging logs to Corduruy the streets with and a dresperade to night

Feb. 4
Pleasant there was a Co drill in the forenoon and a batalion drill in the afternoon drilled skirmish drill most of the time

Feb. 5
Pleasant had a Co drill and Batalion drill I drew a new gun and equipments to day we had a Corps school this evening

Feb. 6
Rainy had reverlee at four and had orders to be ready to to move at seven kept in readyness untill four in the afternoon and then marched about four miles past Culpeper and halted in the woods it was very mudy

Feb. 7
Rainey at a part of the night we marched at day break and then marched about two miles and halted we kept moveing by spells untill about four in the afternoon and then started back for the old camp which we reached about ten I received a Box from home

Feb. 8
Pleasant at reverlee this morning we was ordered to go on picket so we packed up and started for picket it was very mudy we got out on the picket line about one oclock

Feb. 9
Pleasant we are still on picket the officer of the picket has past been here and gone away every thing is goin on wright

Feb. 10
Pleasant but a cold wind I am still on picket

Feb. 11
Pleasant with a cold wind we was relieved from picket the forenoon at eleaven and got into camp at two Capt. Alfred Merrill has been here to see me but I had not got in from picket

Feb. 12
Pleasant but the most of the day I went over to the 3rd Maine Regt to see Capt Merrill have sent my watch home to be cleaned there was a battalion drill and dresperade

Feb. 13
Pleasant I am on Regt guard to day there is nothing new goin on today

Feb. 14
Pleasant but very windy we was not relieved from guard untill after inspection which was noon since then I have been writeing Somes letters

Feb. 15
Snow Storm. Had orders to pack up and be ready to move at a moments notice but did not go we was goin to supper at the picket line

Feb. 16
Stormy and very windy we had Brigade inspection by Capt. Houghton we had a Corps school tonight

Feb. 17
Pleasant but very cold and windy and had Brigade inspection by Capt. Houghton

Feb. 18
Pleasant but awful cold. There was a Reg’t inspection by Major Matocks Co. drill Sined the pay rolls and after taps and we had turned in we was turned out to get two months pay

Feb. 19
Pleasant but not quite so cold. Company inspection and co. drill. While on drill I was detached to go on fatigue to cut wood at brigade head quarters

Feb. 20
Pleasant and warm went out on picket. The picket has been changed and you don’t have so far to go as before

Feb. 21
Pleasant and warm I am Still on picket but up half the night

Feb. 22
Pleasant and warm I am Still on picket everything goes pleasant sat up until five oclock in the morning.

Feb. 23
Pleasant and warm We was relieved about elevaen this forenoon and returned when we got here we found three up the Bays that was wounded have been to meeting

Feb. 24
Pleasant and warm Had a Com. Drill this forenoon and a Division review this afternoon by Gen. French the Whiskey distilers

Feb. 25
Pleasant but windy  Co. drill in forenoon and Batalion drill in afternoon  there was a part of our band come to day

Feb. 26

Pleasant but very windy  Co. inspection and Co. drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon and dresperade at night

Feb. 27

Pleasant  Co. inspection in the morning.  There was no duty.  I have been washing and cleaning up  a part of the six Corps has gone out past here  had orders to be ready to march at six in the morning

Feb. 28

Pleasant  marched at seven to go on a Reconnaissance  went through culpepen and on to Little James City  a distance up about fifteen miles and halted for the night  we was sent out on picket soon after we stopped and mustered for pay

Feb. 29

Pleasant in the forenoon but dull in the afternoon  we was relieved from picket about eleaven  did not march today  the Boys destroyed everything they could get  lod up’
March 1864

Mar. 1
Beached all night and all day did not march the Boys tore down the building a get the board to build tents of had orders at eight in the evening to be ready to march at six in morning

Mar. 2
Pleasant it froze last night quite hard and snowed a little we started for the old camp at seven this morning after it thawed it was very muddy we got into camp at two oclock

Mar. 3
Pleasant and warm I am on guard at the Reg’t Mr. Bysil Pearl gave a lecture at out Chapel this evening

Mar. 4
Pleasant was relieved from guard this morning have been over to the 3rd Maine to see Capt. Alfred Merrill found him well he has been home on furlow he brought my boots and wool Cp with him

Mar. 5
Pleasant there was no duty but to clean up for inspection dresperade at night there were seven eny thing but Ladys and some officers Band has been practicing

Mar. 6
Pleasant but chilly there was a Brigade inspection by Col. Eagan and a meeting at twelve oclock an inspection of quarters by Col. West and dresperade

Mar. 7
Pleasant and warm Co. inspection and Co E drill and dresperade at night

Mar. 8
Rained all day there was no duty except dresperade I am about – Sick with a cold was detailed to go to the Brigade team this evening about eight

Mar. 9
Pleasant and warm and back from Brigade teams at eight this morning have been washing and cleaning gun have been to meeting

Mar. 10
Rained hard all day no duty have been writing have burned up my last years diary have got a bad cold.

Mar. 11
Rained all day and there was some thunder in the afternoon had no duty been cleaning gun and have a bad cold

Mar. 12
Pleasant and warm I am on Regt guard and turned out about one o'clock to go and arrest a man that was drunk

Mar. 13
Pleasant but very windy there was a Division review by Gen. Birney and we was not relieved from guard until they got back dresperade at night

Mar. 14
Pleasant but windy there was a Division drill in the afternoon have been to work on puzzles Lieut Fred Sawyer left for home on a furlow of 15 day

Mar. 15
Cloudy and some snow Co drill in forenoon and dresperade at night have been to work on puzzles and S

Mar. 16
Pleasant but cold and windy Corps review by Gen. French was gone most all day Regt inspection in the evening

Mar. 17
Pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Co inspection and dresperade got ready for Brigade inspection but did not have it the Sergeant has been command to day

Mar. 18
Pleasant but very windy Co drill and Brigade drill in afternoon Col Pierce takes command of the Brigade

Mar. 19
Pleasant but windy Brigade inspection in the forenoon by Capt. Houghton and dresperade received six recruit for the reg’t

Mar. 20
Pleasant and windy Brigade inspection Col. Pierce over in the division review ground dresperade at night and meeting in the evening

Mar. 21
Pleasant Co inspection and Co drill in forenoon and Co drill in afternoon and dresperade at night hope done lamp was first

Mar. 22
Dull in the morning and commenced to snow about four o'clock and snowed all the evening I was on guard the wind blew hard all day

Mar. 23
Pleasant and warm was relieved from guard this morning it Snowed the most part of the night about eight inches of snow fell the rest of the day we have been Synorbeling

Mar. 24
Pleasant the most part of the day  Started to go on picket at half past seven  Lieut Grapham and
Moirel was on post with my

Mar. 25
Cloudy and spit snow by spells until about  four oclock in the afternoon and then turned to rain
and rained hard most all evening  still at picket

Mar. 26
Cloudy and unpleasant  rained  blew quite hard  sprinkled by spells during the day  I am still on
picket  we have been put into the second Corps and are now second Brigade

Mar. 27
Pleasant and windy  got relieved from picket about ten oclock  started for camp  into camp about
noon  after resting I cleaned up my equipment

Mar. 28
Cloudy the most of the day  Co. E inspection and Co drill forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon
by Gen. Bierney

Mar. 29
Dull in the morning and commenced raining about two oclock  started to go on Corpse review but
it commenced to rain and we came back  cleaned up gun and other things.

Mar. 30
Dull  there was no duty to day  have been serving some and playing checkers  dresperade at night
had order that was Second  Brigade and 3rd Division  2nd Corps

Mar. 31
Pleasant  had orders this morning to be ready to move with everything at eight oclock  moved
about two miles to where the third Division had just moved out  we took the 110th Ohio camp
found very favor tents  had to go on fatigue as soon as we got there
April 1864

Apr. 1
Pleasant  I am here alone  have been writing  the rest of the tents cranys are on fatigue  It commenced to rain soon after noon and during the afternoon and evening

Apr. 2
Rained all day  it was a cold storm mixed with snow by spells  there was no duty  Played checkers and other things for amusement

Apr. 3
Pleasant but cold and windy  had orders for a Brigade inspection but had a Reg’t inspection by Col. West

Apr. 4
Rained in the fore noon and turned to Snow in the afternoon  there was a company drill in the forenoon  the remainder of the day was writing and other things

Apr. 5
Rainy all day hard  I was on Left guard …mostly rain

Apr. 6
Rained in the morning but cleared of about noon.  I was relieved from guard this morning and have been cleaning up gun and equipment and

Apr. 7
Pleasant and warm have been on fatigue this forenoon and this afternoon I have been doing various things  I received a box from home last night.

Apr. 8
Pleasant  Co. drill in the forenoon and afternoon and dresperade  took up one dollars worth of tickets of the  sutler  had an order to send all boots to the rear

Apr. 9
Rained hard all day we had orders in the morning for a grand review but it rained so we did not have it  I have been sewing and doing other things  our tent leaks very bad

Apr. 10
Rained all day  I was on guard at Regt head quarters  there was an inspection

Apr. 11
Pleasant but chilley  I was relived from guard this morning  have been fixing the pockets on a pair of pants and sewing in some lace  there was a dresperade to night

Apr. 12
Pleasant  Co. drill in the forenoon and a Brigade dresperade at night by Gen Huges  had orders for each man to have shoes

Apr. 13
Pleasant had a Division review in the forenoon by Gen Hancock of the second corps. Gen Mead was also there. Brigade dresperade by Gen Hancock.

**Apr. 14**
Cloudy had a Brigade inspection in the forenoon by the Brigade inspector. Co. drill in the afternoon, there was a Brigade dresperade.

**Apr. 15**
Pleasant in the morning but commenced to rain in the afternoon and rained all night. I went on picket out by Stevensburgh about four miles, got out there about twelve and got two months pay. The Leicet got mine for me.

**Apr. 16**
Rainey all day came back to the reserve at midnight and went out on post again at twelve. To day went on post and stayed untill midnight and then came back to the support.

**Apr. 17**
Rainey the most of the day remained on the support until today noon and then came back to the reserve and stayed there this afternoon and night.

**Apr. 18**
Pleasant and warm at two oclock this morning and was called up to the set up two hours. We was relieved about one oclock and returned to camp. Had a nasty time of it.

**Apr. 19**
Pleasant there was a Division review in the forenoon and Co. drill in the afternoon and Brigade dresperade at night.

**Apr. 20**
Pleasant there was a company drill in the forenoon and Battalion drill in the manual of arms in the afternoon and Brigade dresperade at night.

**Apr. 21**
Pleasant Co. drill in the forenoon and inspection and Brigade drill by Col. Pierce and Brigade dresperade at night. The most of the Division was practicing at target shooting this forenoon have been washing.

**Apr. 22**
Pleasant went on a Corps review by Gen Hancock and Gen Grant and Gen Mead in the forenoon. Regt dresperade at night. Our Co. received one recruit J. Peterson.

**Apr. 23**
Pleasant there was a Co. inspection and Target practis of five rounds each. I made the best shot in the Co. Brigade dresperade.

**Apr. 24**
Pleasant during the day but rained some in the evening there was a Brigade review by the Col. of Regt – N.Y. and inspection by Col. West and dresperade at night went to meeting in the afternoon had orders for change Comp turnover

Apr. 25
Dull in the morning but cleared up in the fore noon this was Co. drill in the fore noon and Batallon drill in the afternoon soon after came in from drill and detailed to go guard went to Brigade to guard for night

Apr. 26
Pleasant had orders to move at eight oclock moved into Sheltor tent about one and a half from camp went back for …. I have got a lame foot I broke the crystal out of my watch

Apr. 27
Pleasant went over to the old camp ground to get some things this afternoon had a Regt inspection and dresperade at night the whole Regt had their picture taken have been filling up tent

Apr. 28
Pleasant but the wind blew hard I went over to the old camp ground for I have felt lonesome and demoralized for the last to days dresperade at night and year ago today we started for Chancellorsville

Apr. 29
Pleasant but cold this morning Co. inspection and Co. drill in the fore noon Division drill in the afternoon

Apr. 30
Cloudy the most of the day had a Regt inspection and was musterd for pay. See the fifth Corp moving in the direction of Culpeper have been hitching posts apart of the day dresperade at night
May 1
Pleasant had a Brigade review and inspection in the forenoon and in the afternoon went over to
Division H to get a cristal put in my watch had a dresperade at night See tour of the 1st
cavalry

May 2
Cloudy all day and frost at night the wind blew a heracain and there was a short thunder shower
Co. drill and inspection in the afternoon the Regt went to have their picture taken

May 3
Pleasant Co. inspection and drill afternoon Brigade inspection and had our pictures taken
drew rations and ammunition and packed up ready to move had every indication of moveing
before morning

May 4
Pleasant crossed the Rappadon at half past ten and arrived at Chancelorvill where we fought just
one year ago and camped for the night sent out pickets

May 5
Pleasant and hot started at half past five and marched to Tods Tavern and stopped for dinner
started and marched back to the wilderness got there at four and fought until dark 10 killed
10 wounded

May 6
Pleasant advanced at four oclock drove the enemy about one and a half miles and then they
drove us back again it was hard fighting all day our loss was very heavy

May 7
Pleasant went out in front to reconnaissance and found I marsched Batterys and retreated back
to Brest-works again at night we started to retreat as we thought went down the planke road
two miles and back again to brest-works lay the night.

May 8
Pleasant went onto the front to reconnaissance and found a marsked Batterys and retreated
back to brest -worke again at night we started to retreat as we thought went down the planke
road two miles and back again to brest-worke lay the night

May 9
Pleasant and very hot started in the morning and followed the rebs to Todds Tavern there was
some fighting in the afternoon built brest-works and lay behind there all night

May 10
Pleasant and hot started and marched to the Block house and crossed the Ny river and camped for the night had been there about twenty minutes when the Regt had orders to go on picket went out close to the rebs and did not know it

May 11

Pleasant and hot this morning we was deployed as Skernishgers and advanced down to the mill it was to hot as they opened both Batery and infantry and we had to fall back and then we fell back across the river

May 12

It rained apart of the day the river proved to the pole river we was ordered into the front line of brest works and stopped most all day had just layed down for the night when we had orders to pack up and we marched all night

May 13

Rained most all day assisted at Leaurel hill at four this morning our Division and the first Division was ordered to charge on the enemy brest-work took to works and two Division and some artillery and cholors I carried the state cholor fought hard all day

May 14

Rained part of the day I gave up the cholor and took my gun again acted as orders Sergt of the company the enemy fell back some moved forward into brest works and lay there during the day and night

May 15

Moved at three in the morning moved several time during the day things have been very quiet and no fighting we are in the woods

May 16

It has rained part of the day there has been some fighting to day but we still remain in the woods during the day and a part of the night

May 17

Pleasant was turned out at three in the morning and moved out in the front line of the brest works there was not much firing except the pickets still behind the brest works

May 18

Rainey was turned out at half past three in the morning and was relieved we moved to the extream right and built brest works there was heavy commandeering and sharp infantry fighting at eight we moved back at 3½ we moved out to army head quarters and got breakfast

May 19

The rebs are supposed to of fell back at about P.M. we herd commandeering we was ordered to pack up and leave our tents standing we was doubled quicked about four miles found the rebs
trying to capture our wagon train after a short fight of about two hours they fell back we try rifle first with plate and bayonet

May 20

Pleasant about three this morning we advanced about one mile and took 300 prisoners and the rebs left and we went back to where we left our tents stopped about one hour and picked up marched about two miles into the woods

May 21

Hot marched past gai --- station and boughling green to a small river the North army and camped for the night the second night that we have rested all night since we left camp

May 22

Hot at 3 ½ this morning we was ordered to pack up and lay more arms until day light about seven we marched about one mile and built strong brest works lag behind them during the night

May 23

Hot marched at seven and about noon we began to hurry we came to the North army here we found the enemy in force we was ordered to the front to charge on the enemy we drove them back to their works we built brest works most all night

May 24

At about four this morning the rebs began to shell us we lay behind our works until about noon was ordered across the river built brest works under a very heavy shelling and a heavy shower of rain lay there during the night

May 25

Hot shower in the afternoon lay behind the brest works until most night then moved to the right in another line of works and remained there during the night

May 26

Hot with showers lay behind the brest works saw several of the 3 Maine boys was all out of ration and most starved during all this time the pickets have kept firing about ten we crossed the river

May 27

Hot about one into the night we left the front and crossed the river burnt the bridge marched about one mile for the teams to pass until about noon then marched until after dark then got supper and marched until one oclock in the night and went into camp

May 28

About eight we started was still rear guard marched slow until eleven then halted one hour for dinner marched on just before dark we crossed the Termunkey river marched about to miles and camped for the night

May 29
Pleasant lay until about noon then marched past Salem church about one mile and built breast works

May 30
Pleasant got up at day light finished the breast works lay behind there all day had no rations until night there was heavy fighting on the left had orders several times in the evening to pack up but did not march

May 31
Pleasant & hot advanced a little to a time until got to this breast works and support came up we halted the Infantry was not very heavy but the Artillery was by shells
June 1864

Jun. 1

Pleasant was turned out about one this morning marched about half a mile and went in some brest-works, sent out Pickett they kept shooting the artillery … by shells was transferred to … first Brigade.

Jun. 2

Hot and very dusty shower in the afternoon. Marched from the right to cold harbor within three miles of Chickahominy river and camped in the woods there was not much fighting during the day

Jun. 3

Pleasant moved out to front but was not engaged. But was shelled at we moved about two miles to the right and went into rifle pits just as dark the rebs made a charge but was repulsed.

Jun. 4

Pleasant with Shower in the afternoon day hiking brest work untill five then moved to the left there was heavy shooting about dark

Jun. 5

Dull. Lay behind the brest works the 3rd Maine was consolidated with our Regt 130 men 13 in our Co. at four we moved 10 miles too the right worked most all night built brest works.

Jun. 6

Hot finished the works and lay behind them all day I got some potatoes out of a cellar. At dark I was detailed to go on picket. About midnight we found the picket line and made a bargen with the Johnneys not to shoot they came over to our lines

Jun. 7

Cloudy still on pickett Johns was very sociable I had one man desert and go over to the rebs he was from my regt I was very quiet during the day

Jun. 8

Pleasant and hot. Every thing quiet on the picket line about sunset the rebs opened with artillery the shell came very near but no one hurt about eight in the evening we was relieved and came into camp

Jun. 9

Hot after breakfast I and George Doughty went and had a good bathe and washed some clothes came back and rote five letters drew clothings still continued to build brest works remained here during the night

Jun. 10

Pleasant and hot things have been very quiet during the day. I am very well

Jun. 11
Pleasant but not so hot had orders to clean up for inspection by Capt John Brig things are very quiet I helped the Lieut make out the rest of the men in the Co lay there during the night

Jun. 12
Pleasant things have been very quiet during the day about eight we had orders to pack up as quiet as possiable and move without makeing any noises marched about two miles and then halted until about midnight and then went on

Jun. 13
Pleasant marched in the direction of Harrisons Landing crossed long bridge about noon marched very hard in the afternoon march about 15 miles after dark and halted very tired and sore and most starved

Jun. 14
Pleasant early this morning we moved into a line of battle and built brest works had not got them finished when we had orders to move went about one mile to the James river and crossed on transports to the Wilcoks Point went about two miles and camped for the night got some cherries

Jun. 14
Pleasant I am on guard about noon we had orders to march and join Gen Butler force got there about midnight and lay down untill morning this was about three miles from Petersburgh

Jun. 15
Pleasant they began to shell us about seven and about nine we charged on a fort I was struck with a minie ball and had my thigh broken was carried to the hospital there was several thousands wounded there.

Jun. 16
Pleasant my leg does not pain me very bad though it is swollen very bad I still lay on a stretcher near the amputating table. Nothing has been done for my leg yet I have been moved over under the fence the wounded is brought in at the rate of 200 per hour

Jun. 17
Pleasant and very hot still under the fence not much to eat the wounded are being brought in very fast. I have asked several doctors to…do something for my leg to give me something and let me splint it but got nothing

Jun. 18
Pleasant but very hot they are sending some of the wounded to City-Point had my leg put in a bark to go but the ambulances go full and went of and left me in the afternoon there was a train of army wagons goin down so I got in one of them and went it was about six miles and part of the way guodoray road it hurt my leg pretty bad we was put into tents

Jun. 19
Pleasant but hot my leg is swollen very bad though not very painful. The Dr dont know nothing and better than a sheep but we had some good nurses Charley Elliot and T.H. Fairbanks and one other. The flies came near eating of us...

Jun. 20

Pleasant and hot my leg has been very painful to day have my leg washed and dressed the bark was taken of and dried and put on again have lived pretty well today

Jun. 21

Pleasant and hot still at city point they have been sending some of the wounded to Washington and other places and my leg does not pain me very bad today

Jun. 22

Pleasant and very hot and dusty there was a young Dr came in and looked at me asked me where I was wounded I told him he said he would try and get a splint and fix up my leg and that was the last of him

Jun. 23

Pleasant and hot as usual very dry and dusty my leg has not been painful though it is swollen very bad have wrote one letter

Jun. 24

Pleasant but very hot I have not had any thing done for my leg yet and begin to think they aint goin to do any thing for it I see several of the boys from my Regt have lost very heavy

Jun. 25

Pleasant and hot Still at Citty Point Had one of the nurses in my ward was detailed to bring some of those that could not walk down to the boat to be sent away and I got him to take me it rained when we was goin down left about six on night

Jun. 26

Pleasant came down as far as Charles Citty crossroads last evening and stopped until this morning and then started again at night it came in so dark did not dare to run so we anthared [anchored] for the night

Jun. 27

Pleasant arrived at Washington about noon was taken from the boat and put in an ambulance and carried to Campbell Hospital had my leg dressed with the old bark splint taken of and a were put on

Jun. 28

Pleasant had my leg dressed and it is doing well does not pain very bad Dr. True came in to see me in the afternoon and glad to see him

Jun. 29
Pleasant was mustered for two months this morning about eleven o'clock who should come in but Dr. True and My Mother was very much surprised to see her
Jul. 1
Pleasant. my leg is comfortable the Sanatory Commission comes in quite often and brings stuff
to make me comfortable Mother comes in every day to see me

Jul. 2
Pleasant got Dr. True to have me transferred into his Ward No. 6 my leg is getting along pretty
well the Dr. True has been to work on my leg. He has probed the wound and put on a new splint
and

Jul. 3
Pleasant the Dr. had another spell to work on says there is proud flesh in the wound that must
come out the folks send me something down from the house almost every day

Jul. 4
Pleasant everything is very quiet around the hospital. The Ladys brought us in some fourth
there was fireworks in the evening Mother was in here most all day

Jul. 5
Pleasant my leg does not pain me much there were several Ladys from Maine through the
hospital to day and many other Ladys appetite is very good I looked for a letter but in vain

Jul. 6
Pleasant and warm Mother is still here my leg is comfortable the Dr dug in and burnt it with
caustic ones rot run Cathy brought me something nice from the hose.

Jul. 7
Pleasant and hot very comfortable Mother and Susan in every day the Dr. still continues to
work on my leg.

Jul. 8
Pleasant and warm my leg is getting along quite comfortably It has commenced to discharge
some

Jul. 9
Pleasant and warm Mrs. Sampson pulled through the hospital she left me a box of dates they
were nice Mrs. True and came in and spent the afternoon had to [two] die in this ward

Jul. 10
Pleasant and very hot there has been an inspection to day I signed the pay Roll had one man
Die in the ward

Jul. 11
Pleasant and hot received two Months pay $36 the rebs are said to be advancing on
Washington. The fire said to be within three miles of the Citty there is great excitement here

Jul. 12
Pleasant there has been a great meny brought in that was sun Stroked there were sharp skirmishing last night and to day there is some fose Come from Petersburg here had one man die.

Jul. 13
Pleasant with a shower in the afternoon I think the rebs have stopped as long as they want to and left my leg is comfortable

Jul. 14
Pleasant there is nothing unusual goin on to day there is a few prisoners and wounded almost every day my leg is getting a long comfortable Mother is still here

Jul. 15
Pleasant there is nothing unusual to day Mother and the Dr and Wife went down to see the Capital and and Citty

Jul. 16
Pleasant and hot my leg was pained me and a considerable to day they expect to transfer some of the Maine soldiers to Maine this week

Jul. 17
Pleasant there was an inspection of Hospital this morning The Dr bored out my leg again this morning with his finger and it discharged a considerable of corrupt matter more than usual

Jul. 18
Pleasant and hot there is nothing new to day Mother is still here

Jul. 19
Pleasant and hot – there is nothing new goin on to day my leg is getting along comfortable

Jul. 20
Pleasant and warm Mother Started for home this morning it seams quite lonesome since she left

Jul. 21
Pleasant but very cold for the time of year there is nothing new my leg has pained me some to day

Jul. 22
Pleasant but cold I thought I should freeze this forenoon my leg has pained me considerable to day

Jul. 23
Pleasant but cool Mrs. True was in this afternoon and spent a couple of hours I wrote two letters but up more than I have for some time I think my leg is not quite so well as it has been

Jul. 24
Pleasant but cool think my leg is not quite so well Dr thought he should have to open it in another place tonight he did not
Jul. 25
Pleasant and warm the Dr dressed my leg this morning and opened it in another place my leg was pretty painful during the day

Jul. 26
Pleasant there is nothing new my leg is pretty painful

Jul. 27
Pleasant and warm have not felt very well for the last week had no appetite feel better to day leg has pained me pretty bad to day

Jul. 28
Pleasant and warm I feel better have wrote three letters don’t think my leg is improving any for the past few days

Jul. 29
Pleasant and warm there is nothing unusual goin on to day my leg gains slow not much to day

Jul. 30
Pleasant and very warm I eat some pears and apples the first I have that year my leg is very sore

Jul. 31
Pleasant and warm this morning I had a peace of a watermellon It was nice.
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Aug. 1
Pleasant and warm  Mrs. Carr was here and stopped an hour or more  my leg is getting along slowly

Aug. 2
Pleasant and warm  nothing new to day  leg pains me Some had a shower just at Sunset

Aug. 3
Pleasant and warm  sent down town and got some apples and pears  my leg has pained me the most part of the day

Aug. 4
Pleasant but cool in the forenoon  there is nothing new to day  leg does not pain me much

Aug. 5
Pleasant but very warm don’t think my leg gains eny for the past few days

Aug. 6
Pleasant and cool  there was a splendid shower early this morning  it cooled the air nicely

Aug. 7
Pleasant and warm there was an inspection of the hospital

Aug. 8
Pleasant and verry warm there is nothing new to day as I thought of

Aug. 9
Pleasant and very warm my leg has pained considerable to day

Aug. 10
Pleasant and warm I have not been quite so well to day as usual

Aug. 11
Pleasant and verry warm  the Dr gave my leg a pretty thuroe examin this morning it discharged a good deal.

Aug. 12
Pleasant and very warm

Aug. 13
Pleasant and very warm  there was a considerable of thunder and lightning this evening but not rain enough to lay the dust

Aug. 14
Pleasant and very warm  they Dr. took the splint of from my leg this morning and I had it washed
Subsequent days in the diary are left blank, aside from the following four entries

Sept. 12
Pleasant but the weather has been very cold for the time of year my nurse took a peace of bone out of my leg this morning my leg is doing well

Sept. 27
Pleasant and warm got up into some chairs to have my bed made the first time for most three months

Dec. 5
My leg has stopped dischargeing has discharged five months and a half

Dec. 10
The first snow storm in Washington there was about four inches fell